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For : METHOD FOR DETERMINING SEVERITY OF AND  
PREDICTING PREGNANCY-INDUCED HYPERTENSION  
AND METHOD FOR EVALUATING FETUS AND  
PLACENTAL FUNCTIONS IN PREGNANCY-INDUCED  
HYPERTENSION

## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner of Patents  
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Sir:

Prior to the examination of the above-identified patent application on  
the merits, the Examiner is respectfully requested to amend the claims as  
follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which  
begins on page 2 of this paper.